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SUBJECT: SNKI POLL ON MIKI CABINET

SUMMARY: SANKEI SHIMBUN PUBLISHED RESULTS OF POLL ON MIKI CABINET CONDUCTD APRIL 30. SAMPLE: 904 TOKYO-OSAKA URBAN RESIDENTS.

(1) THE CONSOLIDATED LOCAL ELECTIONS, WHICH WERE REGARDED AS TESTING POPULARITY OF MIKI CABINET, WERE HELD BETWEEN THIS APRIL POLL AND ONE DONE IN MARCH. SUPPORT OF MIKI CABINET IN BOTH POLLS TURNED OUT TO BE ALMOST SAME, WITH 49 PERCENT IN APRIL AND 48 IN MARCH, SHOWING THAT MIKI'S POPULARITY WAS NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY ELECTIONS. BY AREA, MORE THAN HALF (53) TOKYO RESPONDENTS SUPPORTED MIKI, WHILE PERCENTAGE WAS LOWER (44) IN KANSAI AREA. SUPPORT WAS PARTICULARLY HIGH AMONG OLDER PERSONS, WITH 74 PERCENT IN THEIR SIXTIES, 69 PERCENT IN FIFTIES, 55 PERCENT IN FORTIES, 48 PERCENT IN THEIR THIRTIES, 37 PERCENT IN TWENTIES. SUPPORT BY TEEN-AGES (27) WAS SURPASSED BY NON-SUPPORTERS (31).

(B) 20 PERCENT REPLIED "SEEMS NO APPROPRIATE PERSONS BESIDE MIKI" AS REASON FOR SUPPORT OF MIKI CABINET. "WE CAN EXPECT CLEAN POLITICS/ REGISTERED NINE PERCENT. THIS GROUP HAS SHOWN A STEADY DECLINE IN EACH POLL SINCE ITS PEAK (19) WHEN MIKI CABINET INSTALLED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

(C) AS REASONS FOR NON-SUPPORT OF MIKI CABINET, SEVEN PERCENT SAID, "WE CANNOT EXPECT ANY NEW POLICIES." THIS WAS A DROP OF THREE PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS 10 PERCENT, BUT STILL THREE TIMES AS UNCLASSIFIED

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HIGH AS TWO PERCENT OF LAST DECEMBER.

(D) 55 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON MIKI PRICE MEASURES, REPLYING EITHER "DOING A GOOD JOB" (V) OR "SOMEWHAT SATISFACTORY" (52). SANKEI ANALYZED THIS AS "REFLECTING LAST

TREND TOWRD PRICE STABLILIZATION." IN THIS RESPECT, MIKI ADMINIS-
TRATION RECEIVED A BETTER ASSESSMENT THAN TANAKA CABINT WHICH
USUALLY GOT ABOUT 40 PERCENT.

(4) AS TO PM MIKI'S LEADERSHIP, MORE RESONDENTS GAVE NEGATIVE
ANSWER (49) THAN POSITIVE ONE (4). SANKEI CMMENTED THAT PM
MIKI'S LEADERSHIP IS CURENTLY BEINGAFFECTED BY SUCH KNOTTY
ISSUES AS REVISION OF THE ANTIMONOPOLY LAW, THE PUBLIC OFICES
ELECTION LAW AND OTHERS. END SUMMARY.

1. DO YOU SUPPORT MIKI CABINT, OR DO YOU NOT? (A) SUPPORT 49,
(48,3/28/75 SURVEY); (B) DOOT SUPPORT, 20 (22); (C) DKN 31 (30)
2. (IF "SUPPORT" IN Q1) REASON FOR YOUR SUPPORT? (A) ITS POLICY
SEEMS BETTER THAN BEFORE, 5 6; (B) SEEMS NO APPROPRIATE PERSONS
BESIDES MIKI, 20 (18); (:) WE CAN TRUST ANY LDP ADMINISTRATION, 4
(4); (D) IT PLACES IMPORTANCE OF DIALOGUE WITH OPPOSITION PARTIES,
4 (5) (E) WE CANEXPECT "CLEAN" POLITICS, 9 (10) (F) WITHOUT ANY
SPECIFIC REASONS, 6 (4) (G) OTHER , 1 (1).
3. (IF "DO NOT SUPPORT" IN Q1) REASN FOR NOT SUPPORTING? (A)
BECAUSE IT IS SAME LDP CABINT, 4 (5) (B) THERE ARE APPROPRIATE
PERSONS BESIDE MIKI, 1 (1) (C) BECAUSE IT IS NOT LIKELY TO
CONSIDER INTEREST OF WORKERS, 3 (3) (D) WE CANT TRUST PREMIER
MIKI, 3 (1) (E) WE CANOT EXPECT ANY NEW POLICIES, 7 (10) (F)
WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC REASONS, 2 (2) (G) OTHER O (P)
4. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF PRICE MESURES BEING TAKEN BY THE MIKI
CABINET; (A) DOING A GOOD JOB, 3; (B) SOMEWHAT SATISFACTORY, 52;
(C) NOT DOING MUCH, 35 (D) NOT DOING ANYTHKNG 4 (E) DKN 5.
5. DO YOU THINK PREMIER MIKI IS CARRYING OUT POLICIES BY DEMON-
STRATING HIS LEADERSHIP AS A PRIME MINISTER? (A) DISPLAYING A
GOOD DEAL OF LEADERSHI, 2 (B) SOME LEADERSHIP 41 (C) NOT MUCH
LEADERSHI, 45 (D) NONE AT ALL, 4; (E) DK, 8.
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